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## EASY RIDER!

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## Can You Dig it?

BY RICH SCHMIDT

I know you can dig that almost everyone today is hung-up. Why? Because you have been sold a phony bill of goods concerning reality. You have let the church "system" pull the wool over your eyes regarding who Jesus Christ really is. I don't blame you for getting up-tight with the Christianity that most churches peddle. You get the idea that Jesus is some kind of a prejudiced, middle-class materialist or else some kind of a milk-toast character that wants to spoil your bag with a bunch of rules and regulations. But, Jesus promises you life and liberty. He said, "I have come to give you a real meaningful and abundant life"

Jesus Christ is no namby-pamby character. In fact, Christ really socks it to you with some real heavy stuff. He said, "I have come as light into the world, that everyone who puts their trust in Me may not remain in darkness" (John 12:46). Jesus wants to give you light on what's really happening.

Jesus said, "If you can dig on the words I have spoken to you, then you are really My disciples; you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). The truth is, that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Without the Way there is no going; without the Truth there is no knowing; and without the Life there is no living.

Jesus Christ is truly the Cool One because He took the rap for you and me on the cross, so that we could have life--the real down-inside kind of life that hits at the very core of your being. Even though we have all blown it, Christ died for us. Some have messed up more than others, but we're all in the same boat when it comes to being a sinner. The good news is that God is willing to pardon us if we're willing to admit we're sinners in need of a Savior. I know this bothers a lot of people because it's unsophisticated and unfashionable to say you are a sinner. But remember this: "It was after the world in its wisdom had failed to find God, that He in His wisdom chose to save those who would believe in the simple, unsophisticated message of the gospel"

Do you want freedom from being hung-up? To be truly free you must thank God that Jesus took the rap for your sins and put your faith in Him. For Christ said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.. But, if the Son of God sets you free, you will be free indeed!"

Check it out and see if the things Christ said and did don't jive with reality. I mean, a guy who said the things Jesus said would either have to be the Son of God or some kind of nut.

Being a follower of Christ is truly where it's at. It's a groovy program, but it's not an easy one. In fact, it's so heavy that Jesus said, "You had better count the cost and see if you have what it takes to be My disciple". Following Christ doesn't mean having your own bag and doing your own thing.

Instead of getting up-tight with the church "system," get hep to what the Bible says about Jesus Christ and about you and not what a lot of hung-up people try to tell you. If your bag is Jesus Christ, it's a heavenly trip all the way. But, if Christ is not your bag then it's bad news for you because you're on an eternal bummer.

Jesus Christ busted out of the grave nearly 2,000 years ago; right now, He wants to bust into your life and make you hep to His program.



## What's it all about! by Brother Scribe

What is Christianity? the System? the Establishment? Laws? Rules? NO! Not at all! Man in his own concept of wanting others to live by his own personal standards has set rules and regulations which have been interpreted as Christianity.

But Jesus Christ said "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." Instead of being a policeman and enforcing with tyrannical authority, Jesus came into this world because of LOVE - and the message to be taught was one of Love - a world controlled by Love - Heavy!!

He said that He Himself is the door to discovering that Love, and to experience real lasting Love, we need to experience Him. Some rather Heavy implications!

When His Spirit is invited to live within a person, His Spirit gives that person the power to resist the harmful elements of the world system, and that person begins to be controlled by inner Love from the God who is Love.

This can be done by saying to God -- "I don't know where you are or is you even exist, and if Jesus Christ is the way in which I can experience Love, I ask that you come into my life and give me your Love and peace.

Too easy you say...Well, if you want that to be your "hang-up" that will have to be your "hang-up". All we can say is that we have experienced it and it has changed our lives.



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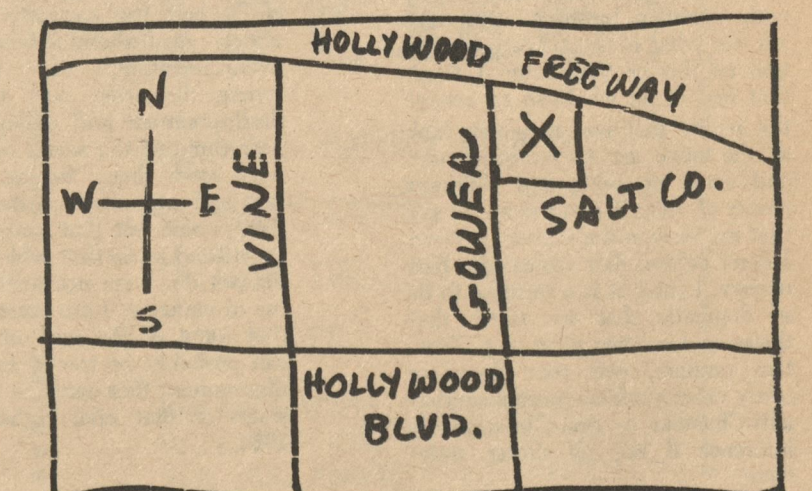
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# WHERE THE SENATOR'S HEAD IS

## HATFIELD LAYS IT OUT

Q: Senator Hatfield, many people think that if Christianity is consistently carried out it leads to conservative politics. Yet you, a prominent Christian in politics, are a liberal. Has Christianity influenced you at all to be a political liberal (whatever that means)?

A: I have no compunction about having my religious viewpoints influence my political viewpoints, but I do rebel at choosing political viewpoints and then molding one's theology to fit them. Those who label their political and their religious philosophy with the same name and think that that establishes anything do violence to logic. There is no inconsistency in being a political liberal and an evangelical Christian. I consider myself exactly that.

I don't mean that you've got to dislike conservatives or that you've got to be an antagonist toward them. A true liberal is one who can tolerate and appreciate a variation of viewpoint. He has a minimum of dogma and dogmatic type of thinking.

If you go back you'll find that the real historic use of "liberal" and "conservative" will follow along this line. The conservative was basically one who wanted strong central government to protect his property, to protect his investments, his affluence. The liberal was one who thought of individuals, not property (this is an over-simplification of course). The great progress in history that brought rights and liberties to the people was formulated out of the liberal side of the spectrum. You see, the word "liberal" comes from the word "liberate."

I think that Christ was one of the greatest of all liberals. He came to this earth, in my opinion, to reveal the truth of God, to reveal God incarnate, and who really fought him? The establishment, the status quo people, the people who said, "It's been working well this way for many generations; we don't want any change; we don't want any challenge to our power structure." These were the conservatives, and in that sense Christ came with a liberal viewpoint, to liberate—to liberate the human soul, the human spirit, the human creativity—and that's the classical sense in which I consider myself a liberal.

Q: Is it possible to make specific applications of Christianity to politics? The title of your new book, *Not Quite So Simple*, might seem to suggest that politics is too complex for direct application of Christianity.

A: Many times I have dialogue with Christian brethren, and they ask me what is the Christian position on this or that issue. I think that first of all we have to accept the reality that two men can look at the same set of circumstances and come up with two different points of view. I don't want to say that my view is the Christian view; I don't believe that we can be that narrow. I think it is a mistake to be so dogmatic that we think that there is a Christian view or a Christian position, and that therefore every other position must be either anti-Christian or non-Christian by inference if not by direct statement.

But nonetheless I think there are many applications. As just one example, let me tell you what I have found to be the scriptural teaching which has led me to certain viewpoints which I have on race relations. I have been very active in civil rights groups; I am a former member of the NAACP and was co-sponsor of the Oregon public accommodations law. Under my governorship we had an open housing act and many other things.

My own application of Christian teaching as represented by Scripture was drawn primarily from Acts 10. We have a very good example there—God speaks to Peter in a vision and asks him to go to the house of a Gentile by the name of Cornelius. There was a great protest on the part of Peter. Not because Peter did not want to obey God but because he really could not comprehend that God would order him to do this. If you recall, that was the day when Jews and Gentiles practiced real segregation on every basis—social, political, and every other way. For a Jew like Peter to be ordered to the house of Cornelius meant that he would have to accept his food and hospitality from a Gentile which would violate the Jewish traditions of diet and such things. But after protesting, Peter finally yielded to God's command and went to the house of Cornelius. Afterwards Peter observed this very profound thing: "I perceive that God makes no distinction as between men." Here is great scriptural base for seeking to reconcile the races and for eliminating the notion that superiority and inferiority depend on the color of one's skin. Personally, as I have prayed about it, as I have studied it, I have come to feel very definitely that this is part of the application of Christian teaching to the race issue.

Q: As you mentioned a moment ago, you were co-sponsor of the Oregon public accommodations law (that was the year before the United States Supreme Court decision on school integration made civil rights a popular cause) and while you were Governor an open housing law was passed. How much should we expect from such laws?

A: I feel that sometimes we expect too much from the law. I have often referred to the law as a tutor, a tutor to help change men's minds through regulation of their actions. But we will not have our true goal until men's hearts and minds are transformed as well as their actions. So though I think a law does have value and must be utilized as one instrument, it cannot be thought of as the only instrument to be used. I feel for instance that the civil rights law of 1964 was oversold by the politicians. There was greater expectation of change than the law really had the capacity to bring about. And therefore because of overexpectation, the pendulum swung the other way to certain disillusionment and disbelief. Probably some of the seeds of violence were sown there. Seeing that the law had not accomplished everything, some felt that violence must be utilized to do that which the law did not do. I am not justifying the use of violence; I am merely saying that some of the present violence can probably be traced to the disillusionment that came in the backwater of that civil rights law of 1964.

Q: What is the Christian's role in race relations?

A: I think the Christian can play a role that government cannot play, a role that only the Christian can play. It is simply this: law and government can do much to change men's environment, and this we must work at, but we must also change men's hearts. Now all the legislation in the world is not going to legislate discrimination out of the heart. But the Christian can show men through the teaching of Scripture and through practice of the practicality of spiritual love that there is a need for spiritual love. Spiritual love is something that comes out of the transforming of the human being, out of the transforming of the heart of man, by the invasion of God into the life, by the displacing of the ego of man and the implacement of Christ, and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I think here is where the Christian really has a mission—it is to talk and preach and work in terms of transforming men's lives with the power of Christ.

But in so doing the Christian is not to be in isolation or in splendid detachment from the ghetto and the problems of the secular world. What I'm saying is that we start with the transformed heart and the message of Christ, and we move from there into a relevance to the problems of the day. To do this we will have to change many procedures and institutions which have been traditional in the average church. I don't mean we should displace the church meeting house but we must do more than just have a meeting house called a church.

And if it is really going to have an impact in the community I think there has to be a revival of the missionary concept of the church, starting in the neighborhood where the church members live, and dealing with the people with whom the church people deal day by day, relating to those people in a spiritual sense.

Q: Do you think the church should endorse candidates? Have lobbies?

A: I am one who does not see the church in that particular role at this time. I think lobbying is perfectly legitimate, but I can't see the church sending delegations to lobby before committees. I think it should exercise its influence to work through the parishoners, the members of the church. It should help them mature and grow in the church. It should help them mature and grow in the Christian faith until they are themselves responsible agents of the church. There are many lay groups which could effectively communicate the mission and the message of the church, but I'd rather see the church itself have its emphasis on the transforming of human souls, always being sure to be relevant to the problems, of course.

Q: Does a clergyman have a right to take a stand from the pulpit on a political issue which he thinks is a moral issue?

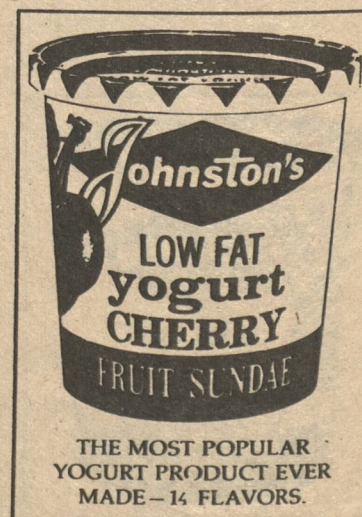
A: I think he has every right and responsibility to take a stand, certainly as an individual and even from the pulpit if he wishes. I am

struggling here to strike a balance. There is a polarizing today in the Christian world between the followers of the so-called social gospel who believe that political and social activism is the main thrust of the church and isolationist evangelicals who say all you have to do is tend to men's souls. I think they are both wrong. Christ's ministry itself indicated that He not only concerned himself with their spiritual needs, but He met their secular needs as well. Meeting the total need of man is the mission of the church—the total need, his spiritual and his physical need. But I would like to see a balance here; I would hate to see the church abandon its message of salvation, but by the same token I would like to see the church concerned with giving the needy man a helping hand.

We can look at the Scripture for lessons on this. Christ often met the physical and secular needs of a man with no indication that that particular individual came into a spiritual relationship with Christ. But Christ had given him love to meet his need.

Q: How can a Christian be in politics?

A: I have a facetious comment that I usually respond with: if it's possible to be a Christian and a used car salesman, it's certainly possible to be a Christian and a politician. I think the Scripture has a very good lesson on this. It has many references about rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, the responsibility to pray for those who are in positions of command and authority over us, and many others which obviously show the legitimacy of government. Therefore I feel that whatever legitimate pursuit man is involved in is the place for the Christian. I don't think there is any place that is beyond the power of Christ to work and change men's lives. If Christ-centered men are in the right positions, then God can use them to His glory. The Christian who tries to say that this particular pursuit is legitimate or that particular pursuit it not is restricting the mission of the church and is also trying to constrict the power of God to change things and men. I believe that God works in the lives of men, and He works in history. Therefore I think that in every legitimate pursuit there should be men willing to become God's men—instruments in which God can manifest Himself.



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## THIS YEAR IT'S EASY RIDER!



Easy Rider is another super-flick showing a lot of where kids are and where up-tight straights are today. Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper play a couple of bikers who ride to Mardi Gras in New Orleans on the earnings from some smack they picked up in Mexico. Traveling through the open West gives the camera a chance at nature and the color pans knock you out. After stops at a hippie commune, and encounters with narrow, un-free minds, Fonda and Hopper become partners with an alcoholic lawyer who springs them all from jail and heads for Mardi Gras with them in his old football helmet no less! His new freedom ends in violent death after he exchanges alcohol for grass. The original travelers end at a "house" in New Orleans and trip-out on LSD in a grave yard. Fonda concludes, "We really blew it," and the whole movie ends in a shocker (we won't spoil it for you).

What we have is a good analysis of the problems and no solutions. An "easy rider," according to Fonda on a recent TV talk show, is a southern man who lives on the earnings of a prostitute. Is America the immoral "easy rider?" Or are Hopper and Fonda "easy riders" who live on earnings from dope? Or are we all easy riders?

What are you doing with your life? Christ said in John 10, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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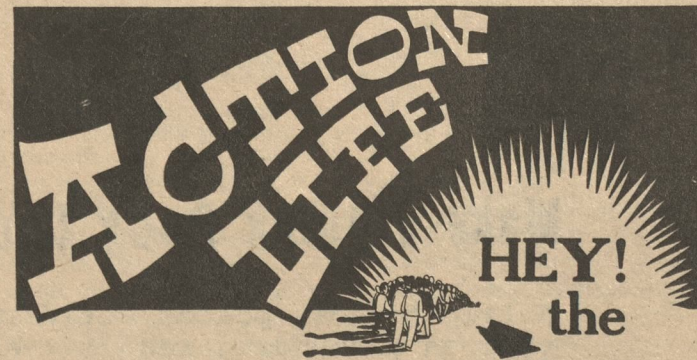
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"Clic" already having been down the road has now opened up "Step One" in Pasadena to assist serious-minded heads who really want to kick the habit.

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The word was passed around that the big need for "crash pads" is soon to be eased. Some movement members are reconditioning a couple of garages in the Hollywood area... More on this later...

A couple of dudes out Topanga Canyon way named Dave and Ray have been sharing with thousands what they have found---If you're hung up and up tight and need some help, give them a call at: 340-4100

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a bridge across

I need a bridge, Lord, across the chasm separating me

from the rest of the human race;

A bridge to span the space between the darkness of loneliness and the light of belonging.

Life's crammed with feelings and ideas that need sharing,

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But I am dumb. I cannot speak for fear of being discovered;

for fear that someone might expect too much of me.

What's wrong, Lord? Are others afraid and lonely too,

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— Nancy Ross

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